

Apartment Opponents Try Again

APPEAL FILED ON MERRYWOOD

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No Hearing Set On Second Plea To Supervisors

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FAIRFAX — A last ditch appeal to the Merrywood site plan has been filed with the Fairfax Board of County Supervisors by opponents of the high-rise apartment project.

The planning commission voted to deny the appeal Oct. 10, but a further petition is permissible to the county board. No date has been set for a hearing.

ATTORNEY Clive Duval, representing Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bross, 4501 Crest Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. James Miscampbell, 4442 Chain Bridge Road, claims the site lacks adequate sewer and water service.

Developers plan to cross the George Washington Memorial Parkway with a sanitary sewer line. This was opposed earlier this year by Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall but no recent indication has been received that he intends to pursue his position.

County officials insist permission to cross the parkway was included when the right-of-way was secured with county funds and a contract signed with the National Capital Planning Commission.

The city of Falls Church said it would provide water to the site at no greater cost.

AN ALTERNATE route is also available for the sewer, according to the developers, but would cost considerably more and disrupt traffic unnecessarily.

Zoning of the property of multi-family use was done last year and upheld by the circuit court. The case was appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals but not heard by that body.

Opponents of Merrywood have asked the state court to reconsider their decision to not hear the matter.

Construction on the first of three 12-story structures is expected to begin in a few weeks. The building will contain 276 units with parking both above and below ground.